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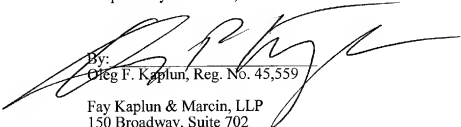
**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**

Synthes (U.S.A.) hereby states that it is the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest of the above-identified application. An assignment from the inventors to Argomedical AG was recorded on August 16, 2006 and assigned Reel/Frame 018121/0961. An assignment from Argomedical AG to Synthes (U.S.A.) was recorded on March 10, 2008 and assigned Reel/Frame 020646/0368. The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

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